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Via Federal Express and Facsimile (202-366-7882)
Chief Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

**Regarding: 2006 ~2008 and certain early production 2009 Model Year FJR1300
Motorcycle Ignition Switch Factory Modification Campaign**

Dear Sir/Madam:

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide preliminary information required by 49 CFR 573 and the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act regarding a defect notification campaign we are initiating. We will send under separate cover the owner's notification letter for Agency review/ approval and a draft of the dealer technical bulletin for informational purposes prior to close of business next week. The envelope format has previously been approved by the Agency for prior campaigns.

1. Manufacturers Name: Yamaha Motor Company, Ltd.
2500 Shingai
Iwata, Japan

Imported Vehicle Distributor: Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.
6555 Katella Avenue
Cypress, California 90630
2. Vehicles Affected: Make: Yamaha
Model: 2006 ~ 2008 and certain 2009 Model Year FJR1300
Motorcycles

Nominal Engine Displacement: FJR1300 is 1300cc

Production Period: 2/2006 – 12/2008
3. The campaign relates to the motorcycle's Ignition Switch.
4. Total number of subject vehicles: Current estimate: 9,300 units. This will be updated in a supplemental report as we finalize the affected VIN range.

5. VIN Range: Tentative range will be supplied in forthcoming draft Technical Bulletin. Likewise this will be updated in a subsequent report as data is confirmed.
6. The campaign involves the replacement of the Ignition Switch. On some units, the internal switch wiring could become disconnected. If this occurs electrical current flow will be stopped and the engine could stall. If this happens the operator will be unable to start or restart the engine. A draft Technical Bulletin which will be furnished to dealers upon completion, describing the situation which is the subject of the campaign will be completed soon and forwarded to the Agency under separate cover.
7. On January 06, 2009, Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. was informed by the manufacturer, Yamaha Motor Company, Ltd., that such a situation exists. This was determined pursuant to a quality control review, testing and a review of foreign models that use a substantially similarly part design.

We anticipate commencing dealer/owner notification shortly after the owner's notification letter is approved by NHTSA, the affected VIN range is ascertained and the Technical Bulletin finalized. We anticipate sending the Agency the owner's notification letter for review/approval by January 16, 2009 along with a draft of the Technical Bulletin. Assuming the Agency can approve the letter within 5 days of receipt (perhaps January 23rd) we will have the letter and Technical Bulletin printed. Normal turn-around time is 3 working days for such printing. Hence the materials will be ready for mailing approximately January 28th. Final copies of these notification documents will be forwarded to the Agency as soon as possible.

In the event we can answer any questions or provide supplemental information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. My direct telephone number is 714-761-7842. The fax number is 714-229-7944. My email is brad_franklin@yamaha-motor.com or you may contact Linda Fox at 714-761-7420 (telephone), 714-229-7944 (Fax), linda_fox@yamaha-motor.com (email).

Sincerely,



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